













## Extracts.

**MISUNDERSTOOD.**  
Let me try to lift the curtain  
Hiding other hearts from view.  
You complain, but you are certain  
That the fault is not in you?  
In the summer sunny hours,  
Sitting in your garden seat,  
Can you wonder if the flowers  
Breathe for you no sweet perfume?  
You must go to them, and stooping,  
Call the blossoms where they live;  
On their bosoms gently drooping,  
All their treasure they will give.  
Fully sought some point of contact  
They must be with your mind;  
And perchance the closest contact  
Where we least expect to find.  
Closed the heart-door of thy brother,  
All its treasures lost concealed?  
One sky falls, then try another.  
From the rust of love yield.  
Seldom can the heart be lonely,  
If it seek a lovelier self;  
Self-forgetting, seeking only  
Rapture cups of love to fill.  
—Frances Ridley Havergall.

## THE ETHICS OF DYSPEPSIA AND SICKNESS.

There are other sensibilities that are occasionally developed to such a degree as to bring to the consciousness of the individual the influence of the state of the body on the sensibilities. These crises proceed directly from the animal organism. In manifold ways the state of the body corrupts the sensibilities, perverts the understanding, obliterates the moral sentiments, paralyzes conscience, and leads us to thoughts and conversation, to purposes and acts, that we would shrink from in a healthier condition. In some states of disease, those who are naturally amiable, generous and just, become irritable, selfish, exacting. The condition of our digestion sometimes affects the temper and clouds or disturbs the judgment. When this power is easy and we are well nourished, we are in harmony with the world, and have correct and pleasant notions from social relations, of the world's purposes and of duty; our heart is warm, our mind is just, our will is strong, our digestion is perfect, the nervous system may be excited, the temper irritable, irritable and suspicious. The natural and habitual discriminations of right and wrong, of the fitness of things, and of propriety, may be obscured and we become selfish, exacting, unjust. This world recognizes the influence of the stomach over the nervous system and the judgment. Mr. Jones employed many men. He was originally a clear-headed, wise, and just, but was sometimes dyspeptic. Visiting the workmen soon after his morning meal, he found many things apparently wrong. He found much fault, scolded, and gave new directions, and went away to other scenes of varied business. The men without changing their course of work, simply said they guessed Mr. Jones' breakfast did not sit well, and went on as they had before. Toward noon, Mr. Jones returned and found all going on satisfactorily. He praised the men for their improved faithfulness and method of labor. "The change was not in them or their work, but in his stomach, and consequently in his temper and judgment," said Mr. Jones.

## WINTERING IN EGYPT.

The long sea passage has hitherto deterred many persons from visiting Egypt; but now that the journey from Brindisi to Alexandria can be made in three days and a half, the superiority of winter Egypt over the south of France or Italy as a winter residence will become better known and appreciated. Cairo is, *par excellence*, the most perfect Arab city of the present day, and one in which its inhabitants have, perhaps, attained to a higher degree of civilization than in any other city in the East. The climate of Egypt is salubrious during the greater part of the year, and in Alexandria, even the heat of summer is seldom oppressive. During the winter, a fresh northerly breeze, The Khamsin, or hot south wind, however, prevails in April and May, is at times unpleasant; and the inundations from the Nile render the latter part of the autumn less healthy than the summer and winter. In summer the village of Ramleh, four miles from Alexandria, is a charming residence, while Cairo, from its clear, dry atmosphere and equable temperature, is now admitted to be one of the most desirable winter resorts for invalids in the world. The Khedive, too, who, from his immense wealth, his splendid hospitality and liberal patronage of art, is justly entitled to be called the Haroun-al-Raschid of modern times, is fast rendering his capital as luxurious as it is interesting.

One of the principal advantages which invalids derive from a winter's residence in a favorable climate is, that they are enabled to take daily and efficient exercise in the open air. At Cairo, the invalid or tourist can constantly in the open air, either on foot, on a donkey-back, horse-back, or in a carriage. The atmosphere is not subject to any sudden change, nor is there danger of vicissitudes of temperature such as are experienced in any place in the south of Europe, nor cold, cutting winds such as frequently prevail during winter and spring at Nice and Naples. The complete change, too, from the habits and customs of Western Europe to those of an Eastern city like Cairo, is, I am convinced, of immense importance to invalids, for impressions made upon the mind react upon the body, and the novelty of the new life of life in Egypt gradually weans one from the transient thought of self. Who could think of dyspepsia or hypochondria while beholding the lovely surges and glorious sunsets which in this sunny and comparatively dispassionate land are never seen, or while contemplating, as at Thebes, the ruins of a civilization that existed long before Athens and Rome were thought of, or the history of Greece had even been begun?

The pleasantest months in the year for a residence at Cairo are December, January, February, and March. The inundations of the Nile having subsided, leave the fields in November covered with a fresh layer of rich deposit, so that the lands are put under cultivation, and during our winter months, which are, in fact the spring months in Egypt, the Delta, as well as the valley of the Nile, looks like a delightful garden, teeming with verdure and beautiful with the blossoms of trees and plants. It is very seldom rains at Cairo, probably not more than three or four times in the year. —Belgravia.

## SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN.

Shakespeare's women convey some of the finest and profoundest of philosophic truths, but he never drew a professed philosopher — a female philosopher. Shakespeare's women never sit down to philosophize — they are never pragmatic philosophers; but from their lips flow sentiments of loving wisdom, and the depths of their own sweet natures, and as the necessary effects of their own purity and rectitude. They are wise, because they are good; they are clear-sighted, because they are true-minded; their judgment is a part of their right heart. Womanly generosity gives them noble views; womanly delicacy gives them refined ideas. We see in nature many instances of gentle disposition supplying tact and understanding. There are some people with such sweet-natured hearts that these put fine inspirations into their minds, and produce ideas which seem to be the growth of noble intellect. Shakespeare's women are like the best of nature's women (of which, in fact, they are transcripts) — offer rather, in fact, for philosophic reflection, in their attributes and qualities, than are themselves philosophers. They each afford a fine thesis in philosophy, instead of verbally philosophizing. The philosophy in Shakespeare's women lies

in themselves and their own characters, more than in what they say. They do not so much utter philosophy, as that they contain philosophy. Their actions, their behavior, their whole course of conduct are philosophy, rather than their words. They do not make philosophic speeches, announce aphorisms, or declaim set phrases and sententious maxims; but their own several individualities are so many immortal studies in moral wisdom and moral beauty. Yet, although Shakespeare's women convey philosophy more than they promulgate it, they are nevertheless fully competent to its expression; and do give utterance, in noblest diction, to the noble dictates of their own fine natures. They possess all that constitutes nobleness, they have nobility of soul, clear intellect, enlarged mind, and upright heart. They are endowed with faculty and with principle; and their native excellence shines conspicuous through the grace and ability resulting from both. In the same way that Shakespeare never drew set philosophisms, so did he never represent professed women-jesters, female wit, shrews, and the like. He painted, gentle, natural, unforced, intelligent, and sweet-hearted creatures, whose intellects, and sweet-hearted ease take the shape of vivacity of speech and playful readiness of rejoinder. Beatrice's quick-wit imagination and gay sense of power cannot let her hear a keen speech, but they supply her with instant and arch reply; while Rosalind's squirrel-like-tongue fancy takes delight in meeting her lover's sneering and wondrously sensitive as they glitter with pastime wit and pranksome humour. Shakespeare's mirthful women always present the idea that their exuberance of gaiety proceeds from goodness of heart, and that they are animated and cheerful because they are pure-spirited and loving-spirited; and the consequence is they are most pleasant and most lovable. —From the Gentleman's Magazine.

## Insurances.

**LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE OFFICE.**  
137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.  
ESTABLISHED 1843.  
THE Undersigned is authorized to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.  
—A. McIVER, Agent.  
HONGKONG, 1st July, 1867.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hong Kong, Canton, Fookshoo, Shanghai, and Hangchow, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$500,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.  
—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
HONGKONG, 24th August, 1864.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**  
THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hong Kong, Canton, Fookshoo, Shanghai, and Hangchow, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$500,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.  
—HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
HONGKONG, 18th October, 1868.

**VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.**  
THIS Company, with its Head Office at Hong Kong, and Agencies at the various Treaty Ports in China and Japan, is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premium, for the sum of \$1,000,000.  
—AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 1st April, 1871.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
FROM this date until further notice, a Return of Twenty per cent. (20%) will be made on the Premium charged on all Insurances effected with this Office; such Return being payable on the issue of the Policy.  
—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 24th June, 1872.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hong Kong, Canton, Fookshoo, Shanghai, and Hangchow, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$500,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.  
—DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.  
HONGKONG, 9th November, 1869.

**THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
CAPITAL, TWO MILLION STERLING.  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hong Kong, Canton, Fookshoo, Shanghai, and Hangchow, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$1,000,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.  
—NORTON, LYALL & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 22nd January, 1870.

**OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.**  
INCORPORATED 1859.  
CAPITAL, £1,000,000.  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hong Kong, Canton, Fookshoo, Shanghai, and Hangchow, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$1,000,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.  
—AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 7th June, 1867.

**QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
FROM and after this date, and until further notice, a Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon current local rates of Premium, will be allowed on Insurances against Fire, effected with this Office.  
—NORTON, LYALL & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 25th June, 1872.

**LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rate of premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.  
—DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 27th June, 1872.

**CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).**  
NOTICE.  
POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.  
—OLYMPIAN & Co., General Agents.  
HONGKONG, 17th April, 1873.

**YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.**  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 765,000 TAIELS.  
POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide on all risks, for a share interest, dividend of 15% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policy holders annually, in cash, ALL the profits of the Association, after all costs and expenses, and after deducting 10% for reserve fund, to the amount of premium contributed.  
—RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 9th July, 1872.

## Insurances.

**PHOENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rate of premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.  
—DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 27th June, 1872.

**LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hong Kong, Canton, Fookshoo, Shanghai, and Hangchow, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$500,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.  
—AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 6th March, 1868.

**BARAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Undersigned are now prepared to grant, on behalf of the above Company, Policies against Fire on First-class Buildings, to an extent of \$100,000.  
A discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rate of premium will be allowed on all premium charged for insurance; such discount being deducted at the time of the issue of the policy.  
—RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
HONGKONG, 1st January, 1873.

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Not exceeding 12 months 1/6 of the annual rate.  
Above six months the full annual rate.  
JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co., Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company, 47, 49, Hongkong, 25th August 1869.

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THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.  
THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—  
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